Throughout the year, *All Hands* tries to showcase the many ways that Sailors around the globe contribute to the well-being of their nation.

You’ll find Sailors just about anywhere, supporting maritime security, fostering international cooperation, providing humanitarian assistance, contributing boots on the ground and participating in a huge range of missions. You’ll find evidence of that right here in our annual “Any Day in the Navy” issue, which is intended to highlight the Navy as seen by Navy photographers and others around the world. We here on the staff of *All Hands* can’t be everywhere at once, but they are.

It’s a challenge to take more than 12,000 photos taken between July 2006 and July 2007, and distill them down into a compelling and fair representation of our Navy, but that is what we strive for. We hope that you enjoy a glimpse of what Sailors bring to the fight every day, all around the world.
Amphibious assault vehicles release Marines embarked in USS Rushmore (LSD 47). These Marines are participating in the exercise to be prepared in case an actual assault occurs.

Photo by MC1A Jeffrey J. Gabriel Jr.
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rene Rodriguez fast ropes from a CH-46E Sea Knight to the flight deck aboard USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) as the previous Marine clears the landing spot. Marines employ fast roping skills to quickly insert personnel into drop zones when landing an aircraft is not practical.

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Runners crawl through the final obstacle of the 14th Annual World Famous Mud Run at Camp Pendleton, Calif. More than 3,500 people from all over the world ran the challenging 5K course which included hills, tire obstacles, over crossings, two 5-foot walls with mud on both sides, a tunnel crawl, a slippery hill climb and a 30-foot mud pit. The revenue generated from the run supports quality-of-life programs for Marines, Sailors, and their families.

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AB2 Dusty Winkler keeps a lookout while standing sentry with a M-240 machine gun on the flight deck aboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75).

Photo by MC2 Arturo Chavez

ET2 Matthew Rohloff plays the role of bugler during a burial at sea held aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).

Photo by MC2 Christopher D. Backly

Sailors aboard USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) moor the boat to the pier and hoist the American flag upon return to Naval Submarine Base New London, Groton, Conn. Strong winds and low temperatures in the teens caused ice to engulf the sail of the ship.

Photo by John Hamras
AW2 Randy Eaton and DC2 Christopher Johnson are hoisted out of the water by an MH-60S "Seahawk" assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Support Squadron 26, during combined search and rescue (SAR) training with SAR swimmers assigned to USS Saipan (LHA 2).

Photo by MCSN Patrick W. Mullen III

AN Jesse Baron assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP) 30 signals to the crew of a P-3C Orion during start-up checks. VP-30 is the U.S. Navy’s Maritime Patrol Fleet Replacement Squadron whose mission is to provide aircraft-specific training for pilots, naval flight officers and enlisted aircrew men prior to reporting to the fleet.

Photo by MC2 Lynn Friant

EN1 Joshua Jackson, assigned to Riverine Squadron 1, mans the aft .50-caliber machine gun, aboard a riverine assault craft during training. RIVRON-1 assigned to Navy Expeditionary Combat Command conducted high-speed Small Unit Riverine Craft training and visit board search and seizure evolutions at Camp Lejeune, N.C., along the water banks of Cape Fear River.

Photo by MCSN Kenneth R. Hendrix

U.S. Navy SEAL trainees participate in a long range navigation exercise high in the mountains of Alaska. Special warfare operators spend 28 days learning how to survive in a cold weather environment as part of their training.

Photo by MCSN Christopher Moreze

USS Wasp’s (LHD-1) color guard presents the colors while conductor Keith Lockhart leads the world-renowned Boston Pops through “The Star-Spangled Banner,” at the opening ceremony of the annual Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular on the Charles River Esplanade. The nationally broadcast performance by the famous orchestra was the grand finale of nearly 250 events scheduled during Boston Harborfest 2007 and Boston Navy Week.

Photo by MCC Dave Kaylor

A Sailor aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) walks alongside an SH-60F "Seahawk", assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 8, during an aircraft move.

Photo by MC3 Jon Hyde
During an aerial change of command ceremony Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group Capt. Richard Butler (background), with more than 21 years of experience as a naval aviator, relieved Capt. Craig Williams as the commander of Carrier Air Wing 14 while flying F/A-18C Hornets.

Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Tam Pham

The U.S. Naval Academy football team celebrates after winning the 2006 Army-Navy Game. Navy won the game 26-14 at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia.

Photo by MC1(AW) Brien Aho

Sailors from Strike Fighter Squadron 22 conduct a pre-dawn foreign object debris walkdown at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla., prior to the day’s training operations.

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Vice President Richard Cheney along with members of the Senate and the House of Representatives honor former President Gerald R. Ford during national farewell funeral ceremonies in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

Photo by William D. Moss

Air department and Carrier Air Wing 9 personnel conduct a foreign object debris walk down on the flight deck of USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) prior to nighttime flight operations.

Photo by MC1 Ron Reeves

Pre-commissioning Unit Makin Island (LHD 8), currently under construction in Pascagoula, Miss., is the Navy’s first amphibious assault ship equipped with an all-electric auxiliary system and a hybrid gas turbine-electric propulsion system.

Photo by Steve Blount, Northrop Grumman Ship

MA3 Sarah Calvert, assigned to Inshore Boat Unit (IBU) 51, mans an M-60 machine gun while conducting boat maneuvers with IBU-52 in Coronado Bay, Calif., to ensure mission readiness. IBU-51 and IBU-52 are immediate action crisis response units that provide waterborne patrol crafts for the protection of shipping and naval vessels operating inshore and coastal areas.

Photo by MC2 Katrina Jones

MA3 Justin Solarz, assigned to Naval Station Rota, Spain’s Harbor Security Division, observes USS Minneapolis-St. Paul (SSN 708) from his patrol boat as the submarine prepares to get underway.

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YN2 Patrick Shuman mans his station as the deck control phone talker during a replenishment at sea between USNS Bridge (T-AOE 10) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68) during Composite Training Unit Exercise off the coast of Southern California. Photo by MC3 Ashley Gayton

Cruising along side-by-side while pumping thousands of gallons of fuel, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60) perform a fueling at sea while underway in support of operations in the western Pacific. Photo by MCC Spike Call

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Commander, Navy Recruiting Command’s Recruiters of the Year lay wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery as part of the Wreaths Across America (WAA) campaign. WAA began in Arlington in 1992 with the message to remember and honor those who answered America’s call. Photo by MC2N Michael Russell

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Pearl Harbor survivor Clarendon Hetrick views the shrine area of the USS Arizona Memorial following a joint U.S. Navy/National Park Service ceremony commemorating the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. More than 1,500 Pearl Harbor survivors, their families and friends from around the nation joined more than 2,000 distinguished guests and the general public for the annual observance.

Lt. j.g. Tom Hennessey, officer in charge of USS Preble’s (DDG 88) visit, board, search and seizure (VBSS) team, attempts to count personnel aboard an oil tanker before an Iraqi VBSS team boards the ship in the Persian Gulf.

Lt. Nels Peterson signals to his team after diving along Djibouti City, Djibouti, piers. Peterson is currently attached to Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8, and deployed to the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

The Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious (R 06), and USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) transit in formation during a multi-ship maneuvering exercise in support of Operation Bold Step a Joint Task Force Exercise.

U.S. National Guard Lt. Col. Richard Tate, attached to USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), hands out toothbrushes to children at the 15 de Julio Health Care Center, Chinendega, Nicaragua.

A Filipino child looks through the window of a school in Cotabato, Republic of the Philippines, that will be remodeled with the cooperation from members of the Filipino 54th Engineering Brigade, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7 and Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) 1. NMCB-7 and ACB-1 are deployed with amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) in support of Pacific Partnership 2007.

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SH2 Ligia Segura translates as Cmdr. Linda Nash, head of nursing aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), records patient information off the coast of Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Photo by MC2 Steven King

Lt. Kevin Havenar, with 3rd Medical Battalion, cleans teeth with a dental assistant from the “East Meets West Dental Program” at Nai Heem Dong Medical Station, Da Nang, Vietnam. In support of the local community, Pacific Partnership dentists help take care of cleaning and extracting teeth for a variety of patients.

Photo by MC3 Bryan M. Ilyankoff

A young student from Balbala School, Balbala, Djibouti, holds a soccer ball given to her by service members from Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa.

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Lt. Cmdr. Gregg Langham, a U.S. Public Health Service veterinarian attached to USNS Comfort (T-AH 20), injects cattle with anti-parasite vaccination at the Dos Potrillos Ranch. Comfort is on a four-month humanitarian deployment to Latin America and the Caribbean to provide medical treatment to patients in a dozen countries.

Photo by MC2(AW/SW) Joshua Kanter


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HM3 Nina Kovacs, assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, ensures sterile conditions are maintained on dental equipment during the Medical Civic Action Program portion of Exercise Balikatan 2007, Magsaysay, Republic of the Philippines.

Photo by MC2 Johansen Laurel
Lt. Cmdr. Robert B. Traeder, an engineer with the Khost Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT), prepares a bag of hygiene supplies for a young Afghan girl who attended a medical engagement held at the Mosa Khil Health Center in eastern Afghanistan. The Khost PRT gave out hygiene supplies and administered de-worming medication to more than 140 children during the event.

Photo by Army Spec. Matthew Leary

USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) sits anchored off of the coast of Zamboanga, Republic of the Philippines, during a scheduled humanitarian visit.

Photo by MC3 Timothy F. Sosa

Medical personnel aboard USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) perform an initial health screening for a Guatemalan infant. The mother, seated close by, was concerned because the infant was not eating or thriving. She brought the baby to the Sailors working at the National Hospital in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala.

Photo by MCC Shawn P. Elward

Lightning blazes in the distance above USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) while berthed at her pier in Norfolk.

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The Navy Provisional Detainee Battalion Chaplain (Cmdr.) Anne Krekelberg plays with an Iraqi child as he waits at the Camp Bucca, Iraq, Visitors Center to see a relative who is being detained at the Theater Internment Facility. In addition to guaranteed due process reviews, access to 24-hour medical care and culturally appropriate meals, detainees are authorized to receive family visits. Krekelberg is a Navy individual augmentee from the 22nd Naval Construction Regiment, Gulfport, Miss.

Photo by MCCS Jon McMillan

SK1 Jeremy Watkins uses strength training to prepare himself for the Spring Physical Readiness Test at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

Photo by MC3 James Hills
Marines attached to Alpha Co., 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment attend a Catholic mass at Forward Operating Base (FOB) 106 with Chaplain (Cmdr.) Dennis J. Rocheford. Rocheford, from 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force, is traveling around to all of the FOBs and traffic control points in Ar Rutbah, Iraq, to worship with Marines and Sailors.

Photo by Marine Corps Cpl. Shane S. Keller

HM1 Jason Conley, assigned to Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., pulls the slack from his rope as the UH-1N Huey search and rescue helicopter lands during a routine training exercise.

Photo by Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Cory A. Tepfenhart

AN Robert Leggett of Strike Fighter Squadron 37 performs a routine turnaround inspection on an F/A-18 Hornet at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla.

Photo by MC2 Timothy Cox

Sailors of Assault Craft Unit 5 walk off Landing Craft Utility 1652 to set up a beachhead, during an assault rehearsal for exercise Talisman Saber ‘07 in Shoalwater Bay, Australia. The exercise is designed to prepare both nations for crisis action planning and the execution of contingency operations.

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OS1 Korey Herinckx, sweeps his family into his arms after USS Gridley (DDG 101) pulled into port during their homeport ceremony. Gridley arrived at her new homeport, Naval Base San Diego, from Miami.

Photo by MC3 Kathleen Golby

Personnel from Naval Special Warfare Unit 2 board USNS Grasp (T-ARS 51). Grasp and Navy Special Operations Forces participated in a Maritime Craft Air Delivery System drop during Flexible Leader ’07.

Photo by MC3 Eddie D. Harrison

EOD1 Travis J. Schellpeper, attached to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 3, Multi National Division Central South, Camp Echo, Iraq, systematically searches outside a residence for any evidence of a weapons cache during a cordon and search at the home of a suspected insurgent in the village of Al Naimi, Iraq. EODMU-3 along with Polish and Iraq army soldiers responded to the home based on information obtained from an informant.

Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Dawn M. Pike

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BM2 Michael Shippee mans the ship’s helm aboard “Old Ironsides” as she pulls into Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

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Residents of South Boston cheer Sailors assigned to USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) as they march in the 106th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade celebrating Boston’s Irish heritage.

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Sailors assigned to USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) perform taiko, Japanese for “great drum,” during a welcoming ceremony for the crew of USS Shiloh (DDG 67) as she pulls into Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan.

Photo by MC3 Jordan R. Beesley

Sailors assigned to Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 115 perform a formation flight in front of Mount Fuji. VAW-115 is one of the nine squadrons assigned Carrier Air Wing 5, assigned to USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63).

Photo by MC3 Jarod Hodge

Sailors and Marines stationed aboard USS Nashville (LPD 13) gather on the forecastle during a regularly scheduled deployment as part of USS Iwo Jima’s Expeditionary Strike Group.

Photo by MC1 Shonn Moore

Sailors and Sailors aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) use teamwork to lower catapult No. 2 back into the flight deck during the last phase of Lincoln’s Dry-dock Planned Incremental Availability.

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Sailors participate in the Super Bowl Sunday 5K run on the flight deck of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) while operating in the Atlantic Ocean.

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ps3 wilbert e. pacheco, assigned to uss normandy (cg 60), stands a low visibility lookout on the forecastle in the arctic ocean. pacheco was calling in the location of ice sheets floating in normandy's path. 

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a helicopter in-flight rescue crewmen hang from an mh-60s seahawk search and rescue helicopter during a training mission in the north cascade mountains, wash. during this scenario, crewmen rappelled down a hillside, secured in a harness, were carried below the helicopter (known as a short haul) and set down in a more open area where they could be picked up into the aircraft.

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uss inventor (ssn 786) departs the harbor of souda bay, crete, following a routine port visit to greece's largest island.

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Photo by MC2 Chad Runge

U.S. Naval Sea Cadets execute push-ups on the coast line of Little Creek Amphibious Base during Explosive Ordnance Disposal Diving training (EOD/Diving). The EOD/Diving training is a three-week long course taught that not only educates the sea cadets about the Naval special warfare community, but emphasizes teamwork along with individual accomplishment in the team environment.

Photo by MC3 Katherine Blonder

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Patrol Boats assigned to Inshore Boat Units 51 and 52 conduct operations near Coronado Bay Bridge, San Diego. The two units are part of Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 5.

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A Standard Missile (SM) 3 is launched from USS Shiloh (CG 67) during a joint Missile Defense Agency, U.S. Navy ballistic missile flight test. Two minutes later, the SM-3 intercepted a separating ballistic missile threat target, launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

Photo by U.S. Navy

Sailors prepare to take cover as a sandstorm engulfs the hardened aircraft shelter at Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

Photo by AMCS Andrew Stack

A U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen crawls under barbed wire at U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., as a part of Leatherneck. Leatherneck is a voluntary four-week program, which provides future officers firsthand exposure to Marine Corps life through a high-tempo training schedule.

Photo by MCSR Matthew A. Qualls
Sailors push a floating target overboard during small-arms qualification aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4).

Photo by MC3 Jarod Hodge

An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to Strike Fighter Squadron 86, launches from the flight deck of USS Enterprise (CVN 65).

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U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen cheer as they tie the score during the first half of the 2006 Army-Navy game in Philadelphia. This was the 107th meeting between the two service schools.

Photo by MC1(AW) Brien Aho

Carrier Strike Group 10’s Chief of Staff, Capt. Michael Ullrich, (far left), shares a laugh with his pilot, Carrier Air Wing 3 Deputy Commander, Capt. Andrew Lewis, as they walk along the flight deck of USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The flight was Ullrich’s 800th career arrested recovery aboard an aircraft carrier.

Photo by MC2 Kristopher Wilson

Officer of the Deck Lt. Junior Grade Darrin Barber (left) heads out to sea aboard USS Texas (SSN 775) with a group of local and national media.

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OS3 Lam Nguyen keeps track of nearby ships on the status board on the bridge aboard USS Kitty Hawk (L CV 63) during Exercise Valiant Shield 2006.
Photo by MCSN Patrick L. Heil

SN Ethan Cypher gives the thumbs up to instructor as he and SN Jeff Finkel prepare to undergo decompression chamber training. Students at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, Fla., undergo various training scenarios to prepare them for duties involving underwater emergencies and procedures. The dive school graduates approximately 1,400 candidates per year in basic and advanced diving certifications.
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The All-Navy Men’s Soccer Team starting Goalkeeper, MC3 Ian Elias, goes up for a save during a match against the Marines held at Patton Park, Jacksonville, Fla.
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SN Sandra Rodriguez relays information while Ens. Ashley Lorenz plots damage during a general quarters drill aboard USS Bunker Hill (CG 52).
Photo by MC2 Aaron Burden

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Walking the track of the No. 1 steam-powered catapult, an aviation boatswain’s mate checks the catapult prior to the commencement of flight operations aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76).
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Editor’s note:

We have received comments regarding our photo-illustration on the August cover of All Hands magazine. The cover was labeled a photo-illustration because we had removed the sterile, brick background of the original photograph and superimposed the image of the chief and his wife on a background consisting of a green, wooded area with a road winding through the greenery.

With it was the title of our cover story, “The Road to Recovery.” Our intent was to imply the hope and progress that is part of going down that road to recovery.

While the final execution of our photo-illustration was not as originally envisioned — we had meant for the background to have a more pastel, chalk-like appearance — there was no intention to deceive you, our audience. We regret any misunderstanding our photo-illustration might have created.

The staff of All Hands magazine takes our commitment to you seriously and will continue to strive to maintain only the highest of standards for both our reporting and photography.

— Marie G. Johnston
Editor